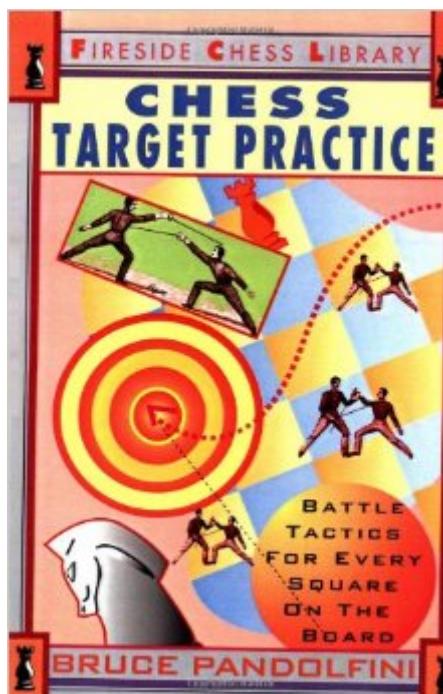


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# Chess Target Practice: Battle Tactics For Every Square On The Board (Fireside Chess Library)



## Synopsis

This one-of-a-kind handbook of chess strategy analyzes each square on the board individually and teaches players how to move in for the kill regardless of where their opponents may be. 207 line drawings.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

I would like give this book 4.5 stars. It has 200+ puzzles, basically. Majority of them are good for 1000-1500. 1500-1700 rated people will benefit b/c of the practice, b/c there are definitely some tough ones. Negative point: this idea of "target" really does not work very well in real life. These should have been presented in a different context. e.g. What is white's best move? Then, each could have been explained in terms that should have tipped off the reader to the breakthrough tactics. It still deserves 4.5 stars b/c they are so many to practice with and they are all good ones (some are easy, sure, but not all). If you are over 1700, most likely you will not benefit from this.

Other than the "target practice" angle, which seems like a hook on which the prolific author could hang another book, this is a good volume for introducing--and reinforcing--basic tactical elements. He could have just as easily titled it, "Tactical Chess for Beginners" but publishers probably prefer catchy titles. Either way, pins, forks, skewers, discoveries, double attacks, sacrifices, and trapping comprise the bulk of the material. Large, clear diagrams, which is good since there's one on every page. A gripe I have with many chess books (at least those that include puzzles or challenges, and

this one is no exception) is that it is too easy to see the answers when they directly follow in the text. In his own book, Josh Waitzkin relates that his father would tape over the answers so he couldn't peek! Some books put the solution on the next page but obviously that takes up extra space or at least requires creative formatting. The Pandolfini-sms are out in full force here. Some are funny, some wincingly so. For example: Loose pieces are lost pieces. A rim knight is a slim knight. Nothing is safe against the sac. The b-pawn can cause indigestion. A short test with a further ten positions is included as an appendix. Ultimately this book would be fine for beginner or intermediate players who need to get a handle on attacking themes. I don't know how many of the positions came from over-the board play and how many were created expressly for the book or for Bruce's lessons. I would have liked to see the OTB ones (if there were any) attributed accordingly, and if there in fact weren't any, some should be included; it's nice to know that book learning can actually be used in practical play. I noticed a couple typos but they are in the English text and don't impact the lessons. A solid book. 3.25 stars

This book is for beginners. Just for beginners. It has lots of "nice" positions but it's too easy and obvious. I didn't like the comments on each problem - sometimes Bruce is very ironic and loses the real point...

Bruce Pandolfini shows his true abilities as a chess coach and player by writing this introductory/continuation of the ancient game chess. The book covers every square of the board, going over such battle tactics as the more obvious skewer, fork, basic trapping, to the subtler pin and Zugzwang. He shows and teaches the player how to recognize the piece to be exploited, and how to do it quickly and visciously, leaving your opponent floundering in your mighty wake. I highly recommend it as a starting point for anyone wanting to beat their opponent.

I purchased this item as a gift for a family member he loved it.. He said everything he was hoping to get from the book he got and more. The book arrived on time in great condition. I would recommend this seller to order from.

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